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REMARKS

On a preliminary note, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 27, 2003.

In response to a restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse claims 1-4. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and claims 18-20 remain in the application and claims 5-17 stand withdrawn. Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found at least in Figure 3 of the originally filed specification. Support for new claims 18-20 can be found at least in claims 15-17 of the original filed claim set. No new matter has been added.

The specification stands objected to because the title is not descriptive. Applicants substituted the original title for the more descriptive title suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the specification objection.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,894,910 to Reimer et al. ("Reimer"). As amended, independent claim 1 requires that, upon removal of the at least one die, the at least one die in the clamping means pivots about said pivot point. Reimer does not disclose a die that upon removal pivots about the pivot point. For this reason, Reimer does not read on independent claim 1, as presently amended. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection.

New claim 18 requires that, upon removal, the die pivots in an arc having corresponding x and y coordinates. New claim 19 requires that the arc is measured from the die and at least a portion of x coordinates for the arc are of increasing value. New

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claim 20 requires that the initial set of x coordinates upon die removal are of increasing value. Support for new claims 18-20 can be found throughout the specification, and more specifically in claims 15-17 of the originally filed claim set.

Claims 2-4 and 18-20 are allowable by virtue of their dependence on an allowable base claim, namely, independent claim 1.

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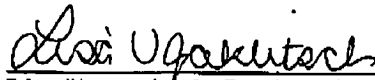
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For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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